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MEXICO FOR DAS ROBERT B. LANE

E.O. 12065: GDS 7/10/88 (WARD, JAMES L.)
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SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN
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REF: SAN SALVADOR 5681 AND 5739

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. JOHN SULLIVAN'S CLOTHES WERE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH HIS SISTER DONNA IGOE. SHE REPORTS AGREEMENT AMONG HER MOTHER, SISTER, AND HERSELF THAT JOHN'S JEANS WERE "PEARL" GRAY CLAVIN KLEIN JEANS WITH A SMALL CALVIN KLEIN LABEL ATTACHED ON THE EDGE OF THE BACK POCKET. THE FAMILY IS CERTAIN THAT THE JEANS WERE MADE OF NARROW WALE CORDUROY WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS "PIN WALE." SHE REMEMERS THE JEANS WELL AS HER BROTHER HAD WORN THEM AT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO EL SALVADOR. SHE SAID THEY WERE HIS FAVORITE.

3. MS. IGOE SAID HER BROTHER'S TASTE RAN TO COLORFUL BIKINI UNDERPANTS. HE TENDED TO PURCHASE CLOTHES ON SALE AND THUS DID NOT FAVOR ANY ONE BRAND. MS. IGOE SAID HER IMPRESSION WAS THAT JOHN WOULD TEND TO WEAR A "TERRY" TYPE SOCK, ESPECIALLY AS HIS BOOTS WERE NEW.

4. MS. IGOE WAS QUESTIONED AGAIN CONCERNING HER BROTHER'S MEDICAL HISTORY. AS REPORTED EARLIER, HE HAD NO PRIOR BROKEN BONES. HIS SISTER DID SAY HE HAD A SMALL, ONE INCH OR LESS, SCAR ON THE OUTSIDE OF HIS UPPER RIGHT LEG. ALSO SHE SAID HE HAD ONCE DISLOCATED HIS RIGHT SHOULDER. SHE CONFIRMED THIS INFO FROM HIS MEDICAL RECORDS. SHE DESCRIBED HER BROTHER AS BEING WELL-BUILT AND "BIG," BUT WITHOUT A PAUNCH. SHE REMEMBERS HIS LEGS AS HAIRY. HIS SHOE SIZE IS 10-1/2 D OR E.

5. AS POST CAN APPRECIATE, WE EXPECT NUMEROUS INQUIRIES, REQUESTS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC. FROM THE SULLIVAN FAMILY, CONCERNED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ULTIMATELY THE MEDIA. FOLLOWING ARE THE TYPES OF QUESTIONS WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT ON THESE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR POINTS EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE.

--- WHO IS THE FORENSIC SPECIALIST? WHAT ARE HIS QUALIFICATIONS?

--- WHEN CAN HE START WORK? APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG MIGHT SUCH AN EXAMINATION TAKE?

--- WILL HIS WRITTEN REPORT, TEST RESULTS, ETC. BE AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVEIW DAITON?

--- IF THE FORENSIC EXAMINAION IS INCONCLUSIVE, WHAT IS THE LEGAL PROCESS IN EL SALVADOR FOR ESTABLISHING IDENTITY THROUGH PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE? HOW LONG WOULD SUCH A PROCESS NORMALLY TAKE?

--- ASSUMING THE REMAINS, IDENTIFIED OR NOT, ARE THOSE OF A MURDER VICTIM, WHAT STEPS HAVE LOCAL OFFICIALS TAKEN TO INSTITUTE AN INVESTIGATION?

--- ARE COPIES OF THE LOCAL RECORDS WHICH LED TO THE EXHUMATION AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY? STOESSEL

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